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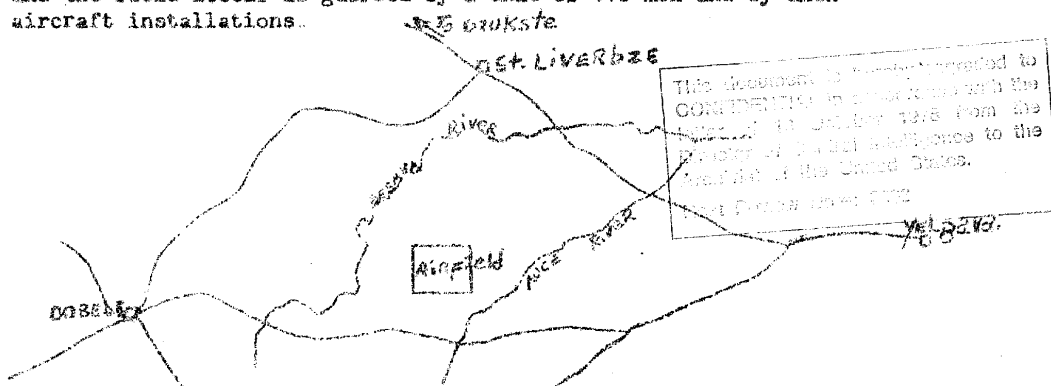
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1. The auxiliary airfield which was built some years ago in the area between Yelgava (Jelgava, 56-39N, 23-43E) and Dobeles (56-27N, 23-17E), Latvia, between the road leading from Yelgava to Dobeles and a road which branches off the Yelgava to Dzukste (56-48, 23-15E) road at St. Liverbe (56-42N, 23-27E), has been enlarged and now is used as a base for Soviet pursuit planes. This field, which was about 1.2 kilometers by 0.6 kilometers, originally was constructed by farmers living in the area, and at the end of 1949 the Soviet authorities ordered other farmers living in the region to evacuate their property and began cutting down trees growing on the north-western side of the field. At the present time the field is about 2.2 kilometers long and 1.4 kilometers wide and is equipped with underground depots (sic) on the east side and shops and barracks on the northeast side of the cleared area. The field is easily spotted by air, since the entire neighborhood is a flat, unforested plain. [redacted] the field is used as part of a net of auxiliary airfields for operations in the Kurland area of Latvia. A former non-commissioned officer in the Latvian Air Force said that he has seen YAK pursuit planes take off from the field, but he has never noted any larger planes or bombers in the region.
2. The roads which encircle the field are closed to private traffic, and the field itself is guarded by a unit of VVS men and by anti-aircraft installations. *near Dzukste*

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